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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUC000035

**Ex Parte: In the matter of third-party
testing of Operation Support Systems
for Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.**

**Project Leader Ruling Seeking Comments On
AT&T's Request To Add Line Splitting To The Master Test Plan**

February 14, 2001

On February 17, 2000, the Commission established this proceeding to conduct third-party testing of the operation support systems ("OSS") for Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc., now Verizon-Virginia, Inc. ("Verizon"). Pursuant to the Commission's directives, on May 31, 2000, the Project Leader adopted a Master Test Plan. The Project Leader revised the Master Test Plan on November 28, 2000.

On February 9, 2001, AT&T Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("AT&T") requested a modification to the Master Test Plan. In its request, AT&T proposes that the Master Test Plan be amended to include testing of the methods, procedures, and OSS needed to support line splitting. In support, AT&T states that "[t]he FCC has recently clarified that Verizon is currently obligated to provide line splitting under its existing rules, and Verizon is in fact developing OSS for line splitting pursuant to a timetable ordered by the New York Public Service Commission."¹

Therefore, this ruling seeks comments from interested persons concerning AT&T's requested modification to the Master Test Plan. This ruling will be mailed and e-mailed to all persons that have indicated an interest in participating in Case No. PUC000035. The names of these persons and their e-mail addresses are included on the attached service list. For those persons who wish to review AT&T's Petition and have not expressed an interest in participating in this case, a copy of this ruling and AT&T's Petition is available on the Commission's website at www.state.va.us/scc/division/puc/oss.htm. Copies may also be obtained directly from the Commission's Project Leader, Alexander Skirpan (804-371-9082). Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED that interested persons may file any comments on AT&T's Petition to include line splitting in the Master Test Plan with the Clerk of the Commission in writing, in an original and one (1) copy, within twenty-one days from the date hereof. The mailing address to which any such filing must be sent is Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Interested persons also may file an electronic copy of their comments with the

¹ AT&T Petition at 1.

Commission's Project Leader, via e-mail, at askirpan@scc.state.va.us. Any interested person filing comments shall attach a certificate to the foot of such document certifying that copies have been mailed, delivered, or sent via e-mail to all other interested persons listed below.

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